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East Coast Conference Roadshow 2016

4-6 MARCH 2016



# NCOLOGY

LUMPS AND BUMPS IN PRACTICE

**Keynote speaker**  
Dr David Vail

**Local speaker**  
Dr Peter Bennet  
(Usyd)

**Wellness and Wellbing**  
Emily Scanlan

AVA NSW Division  
Annual Conference 2016

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## ABOUT THE AVA

The Australian Veterinary Association Ltd (AVA) is the professional organisation representing veterinarians across Australia.

The AVA aims to advance veterinary science by promoting continuing education for members.



## THE CONFERENCE

The NSW Division Annual Conference theme is **'ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice'**.

Streams will include Small Animal and Nursing.

It will be held at the Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains from 4-6 March 2016.



## THE VENUE

### Fairmont Resort, Leura

1 Sublime Point Road, Leura NSW 2780  
 Phone (02) 4785 0000  
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## SPECIAL OFFER

All full-weekend paying full-veterinarians may bring **1 veterinary nurse for FREE.**

\*Does not include Saturday night conference dinner

## VETED POINTS

Register for the full-weekend registration and receive **14 Vet Ed** Continuing Education Points.

Automatically added to your account post-conference.



## AVA NSW PRESIDENT WELCOME

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I invite all Veterinarians and Veterinary Nurses to attend the AVA NSW Division's Annual Conference on 4-6 March 2016. This conference will be held at the Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains.

We have a very strong continuing education program for delegates featuring international speaker, Oncologist Dr David Vail from University of Wisconsin University, School of Veterinary Medicine. David will be supported by local speaker, Dr Peter Bennett, Oncologist from University of Sydney Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

The theme of the conference is:

**'ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice'**

The weekend will cover imaging, diagnosis and treatment of the full spectrum of oncology conditions.

The Fairmont Resort is a short drive from Leura in the scenic Blue Mountains, west of Sydney with many spectacular attractions. Not that delegates will have time to enjoy these attractions. They will be enthralled by the quality of the lectures. However for family and friends, Leura and the Blue Mountains is an ideal destination.

### **2 for 1 offer:**

We will once again be offering a free nurses registration with any full-weekend veterinarian registration from the same practice.

The nurses program is also very strong. The majority of lectures will be presented by our main

speakers supported by NSW Division committee member and experienced practitioner, Dr Steve Ferguson and RSPCA veterinarian, Dr Laurie Milner.

Saturday evening we will be having our conference dinner to which family and friends are welcome (see registration form). There will be entertainment and the new NSW Division president will be introduced.

As at all AVA NSW Division conferences, there will be a session on mental health which delegate's friends and family are welcome to attend. This could be the most valuable session of the entire weekend. The AVA is committed to discussions on mental health in a non-threatening environment. Our aim is to make people aware of mental health issues and to not only recognise the signs of mental health in themselves and others but to look at ways of preventing mental health issues from developing. We have an excellent speaker in registered psychologist, Emily Scanlan.

The AVA NSW Division has been presenting regional conferences for a number of years and these have been very successful and well supported. Leura is shaping as one of the best yet.

See you in the mountains.

### **Geoff Scarlett**

NSW Division President  
and Conference Convenor



AVA NSW Division Annual Conference  
 in conjunction with AVA East Coast Conference Roadshow 2016  
 4-6 March 2016, Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains



# CONFERENCE THEME

The theme conference will be **'ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice'** which will include TWO streams: Small Animal and Nursing. Topics to be covered over the conference include:

### FOR VETS

Diagnostics, therapies, grief and end of life decisions and specific tumors will also be covered.

### FOR NURSES

Nursing oncology patients, therapy options and best welfare for the in-patient.

**SOME LECTURES  
 WILL BE COMBINED  
 VETS AND NURSES**

# ACCOMMODATION



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## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Keynote speaker**  
Dr David Vail

*DVM, University of Saskatchewan  
BSc in Pathogenic Microbiology,  
University of Alberta  
Residency in Medical Oncology,  
Colorado State University  
MS in Comparative Oncology,  
Colorado State University*

Dr Vail's research involves the design and implementation of comparative oncology clinical trials through the inclusion of companion animal dogs and cats with spontaneous tumors. These spontaneous tumors have similar biological behavior as their counterparts in humans. The information obtained from these clinical trials help inform both the design of future trials in humans as well as provide preliminary data on ongoing drug development programs for animal health.

Dr Vail has published over 120 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts and 50 book chapters in the field of veterinary and comparative oncology. David is co-editor of the textbook Small Animal Clinical Oncology, past North American Journal Editor for Veterinary and Comparative Oncology, President of the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium (CCOGC) and a founding member of the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium (COTC).



**Local speaker**  
Dr Peter Bennett  
(Usyd)

*BVSc FANZCVS (Canine Medicine)  
DACVIM (Oncology, Small Animal  
Internal Medicine)  
Clinical Specialist in Oncology*

Dr Bennett is a graduate of the University of Melbourne. After time in general practice he completed residency training in small animal medicine in 1999 and then joined the faculty of Purdue University in Indiana where he was trained in oncology.

He is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (Canine Medicine) and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Oncology, Small Animal Internal Medicine).



**Wellness and Wellbing**  
Emily Scanlan

Emily is a Registered Psychologist with the Australian Practitioners' Health Association (APRHA) and an Associated Member of the Australian Psychological Society (AMAPS).

At present, Emily works in a psychology practice Sydney's CBD.

Emily benefits from her experience of working under high pressure and tight deadlines as an ABC radio and TV journalist. She also worked at executive level of Government with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.

She has a particular interest in developing resilience to overcome pressure situations and the stresses of working life. Wellness and wellbeing are an important part of this process.

Recently, Emily has been introduced to the veterinary profession and has recognised some of the unique problems that veterinarians deal with especially in the early years after graduation.

Like all of us she is appalled by the high incidence of mental illness in the veterinary profession and the alarming rate of suicide.

We feel that the mental health session is one of the most important sessions of the conference and we encourage everyone to attend.

## SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016

8.00–8.20am	Registration	
8.20–8.30am	Welcome and announcements	
8.30–10.30am	<b>Oncology; general principles</b> – Dr David Vail and Dr Peter Bennett <b>Goals of veterinary oncology. What practitioners need to know</b> – Dr David Vail <b>Clinical staging of cancer. Imaging. Blood tests</b> – Dr Peter Bennett <b>Post-treatment follow-up. What tests are important</b> – Dr David Vail <b>How to present bad news. Grief. End of life decisions</b> – Dr Peter Bennett	
10.30–11.00am	Morning tea	
	<b>Small animals</b>	<b>Nurses</b>
11.00–12.00pm	<b>Diagnostics</b> – Dr David Vail Biopsy techniques. Cytology. Imaging	<b>Why we treat cancer and nursing the oncology patient</b> – Dr Peter Bennett
12.00–1.00pm	<b>Therapies</b> – Dr Peter Bennett Chemotherapy, types and applications. Adverse events and safe handling.	<b>Staging and diagnosis of cancers</b> – Dr David Vail
1.00–2.00pm	Lunch	
2.00–3.00pm	<b>Therapies continued</b> – Dr David Vail Immunotherapy, anti-tumour vaccines, mono-clonal antibodies, targeted therapies and radiotherapy	<b>Therapy options for the oncology patient</b> – Dr Peter Bennett
3.00–4.00pm	<b>Specific tumours</b> – Dr David Vail Mast cell and other skin tumours	<b>Handling dangerous drugs</b> – Dr Peter Bennett
4.00–4.15pm	<b>AVA NSW Division Annual Meeting</b>	
4.15–4.45pm	Afternoon tea	
4.30–5.30pm	<b>Mental health</b> – Emily Scanlan Wellness and wellbeing – looking after ourselves and others.	

## SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2016

8.00–8.20am	Registration	
8.20–8.30am	Announcements	
	<b>Small animals</b>	<b>Nurses</b>
8.30–9.30am	<b>Lymphoma: dogs</b> – Dr Peter Bennett	<b>The other end of the catheter: best welfare for the inpatient</b> – Dr Laurie Milner
9.30–10.30am	<b>Lymphoma: cats</b> – Dr Peter Bennett	<b>Prevention is better than cure: the role of the RSPCA</b> – Dr Laurie Milner
10.30–11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00–12.00pm	<b>Oral tumours</b> – Dr Peter Bennett	<b>Biosecurity in the clinic</b> – Dr Steve Ferguson
12.00–1.00pm	<b>Bone cancers</b> – Dr David Vail	<b>What you think you know, what you know, what you think you don't know</b> – Dr Laurie Milner
1.00–2.00pm	Lunch	
	<b>Combined vets and nurses</b>	
2.00–3.00pm	<b>Other tumors: using case studies</b> – Dr Peter Bennett and Dr David Vail	
3.00–4.00pm	<b>Case studies</b> – Dr Peter Bennett and Dr David Vail	
4.00–4.15pm	Afternoon tea	
4.15–5.15pm	<b>Case studies</b> – Dr Peter Bennett and Dr David Vail	



# NURSES STREAM

SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016

**Nurses stream** – *Dr David Vail and Dr Peter Bennett*

SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2016

**Lecturer** – *Dr Laurie Milner*

Laurie has worked in general practice and in emergency hospitals. At present he is working for the RSPCA as the Training Manager and also at TAFE as a teacher. Laurie is particularly interested in the relationship between animals and humans and is always looking for ways to improve animal welfare.

## Topic 1

### **The other end of the catheter: best welfare for the inpatient**

Viewing the inpatient experience from the animal's pov, the welfare implications of this, how it affects recovery, longer term effects with respect to behavioural and psychological impact, how the experience can be improved.

## Topic 2

### **Prevention is always better than cure: the role of the RSPCA**

A look at how animals are impacted by marginalisation / abuse / disenfranchisement of owners, what RSPCA NSW is able to do to assist the people / animals in need, overseas agencies and their models, stats on homeless / domestic abuse victims / low socioeconomic owners.

## Topic 3

### **What you think you know, what you know and what you think you don't know**

A series of mini discussions / quizzes with immediate feedback in common areas where there might be confusion, along the lines of – fluids, cytotoxic drugs / PPE, CPR, etc.

**Lecturer** – *Dr Steve Ferguson*

Steve is an experienced veterinary practitioner from a multi-premises, multi vet practice in south western Sydney. Steve is passionate about continuing education and has attained a Masters in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery as well as a Certificate IV in Practice Management.

## **Biosecurity**

Biosecurity is becoming increasingly important in the lives of veterinarians. Veterinarians are now regularly dealing with zoonotic diseases, new and emerging diseases as well as being aware of the potential of encountering an exotic disease. It is vital that all who work in veterinary clinics are aware of biosecurity and "best practice" standards of hygiene and cleanliness.



Register before  
5 February 2016  
for Early Bird

Register  
online –  
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## FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PRICING

	AVA members	Non AVA members	Vet Nurses
<b>Early bird full weekend registration</b> < before 5 February 2016	\$660	\$1320	\$295
<b>Full weekend registration</b> < after 5 February 2016	\$760	\$1520	\$350
<b>One day registration</b>	\$395	\$790	\$220
<b>Full student registration</b> < before 5 February 2016	\$250	\$500	N/A
<b>Full student registration</b> < after 5 February 2016	\$270	\$540	N/A
<b>Student one day registration</b>	\$125	\$250	N/A
<b>Full new grad registration</b> < before 5 February 2016	\$420	\$840	N/A
<b>Full new grad registration</b> < after 5 February 2016	\$470	\$940	N/A
<b>New grad one day registration (1–3 years)</b>	\$320	\$640	N/A
<b>Welcome drinks</b> (accompanying person)	\$39	\$78	\$39
<b>Saturday dinner</b> (free nurses / additional guests)	\$99	\$198	\$99

*Friday Night Drinks, Saturday Night Dinner, lunches  
and teas included in full registration.*

*Single day registrations do not include drinks or dinner.  
Please note free nurse registration does not include  
Saturday dinner or Friday Night Drinks.*

*These need to be paid separately. Prices include GST*

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